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SUBJECT: CANADIAN TYPHOON ASSISTANCE TO THE PHILIPPINES

(U) On November 1, Foreign Minister MacKay and International Cooperation Minister Verner expressed Canada's condolences to the families and communities in the central and northern Philippines affected by Typhoon Durian. Minister Verner announced that Canada is immediately allocating C\$1 million to support the efforts of Philippine and international agencies providing emergency assistance to the affected areas, and to assist with early recovery and disaster preparedness initiatives. The Canadian aid includes C\$500,000 to the International Federation of the Red Cross to assist with emergency and temporary shelter, non-food items, water, and sanitation. Another C\$500,000 will be allocated to the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives to support local organizations in facilitating the recovery of affected households and addressing future disaster preparedness needs. The GoC provided C\$550,000 earlier in November to assist with relief and recovery efforts after Typhoon Xangsane and C\$300,000 in February 2006 after mudslides in southern Leyte.

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